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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
 - The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.
- 2. Claims 38-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The newly amended Claim 38 recites "said second stage is a guideless stage having no associated guide member to guide its movement." The stationary member of the electromagnetic actuator seems to also function as a guide in the movement of the second stage according to the written description.

The remaining claims, not specifically mentioned, are rejected for incorporating the defects from the base claim by dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claims 38-42, 45, and 46-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishi (5,477,304) in view of Negishi (4,916,340).

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Nishi discloses in Figures 1 and 2 and column 8, line 14 through column 10, line 4, a projection exposure apparatus with a base (ref.19) which holds the scanning stage (first stage) (ref. 20) and the fine adjustment stage (second stage) (ref. 21) which holds the mask (ref. 7) and movable mirror (ref. 33, 34A, 34B) for laser interferometers (ref. 35, 36A, 36B) which detect a displacement of the fine adjustment stage. Nishi also discloses the illumination system (ref. 22), projection optical system (ref. 13), substrate (ref. 14) and substrate stage with movable mirror and laser interferometer. Nishi also discloses driving the fine adjustment stage to prevent a positional error when the scanning stage is accelerated or decelerated (col. 13, line 28-60). Although Nishi does not disclose the substrate located on the fine adjustment stage and the scanning stage, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the substrate stage with such an arrangement because Nishi teaches such arrangement with the mask stage. Nishi discloses a means for moving the scanning stage with electromagnetic actuators (Fig. 3), but Nishi does not disclose electromagnetic actuators for moving the fine adjustment stage. Nishi also does not disclose a cooling unit that cools the actuators with the cooling fluid from the actuators arranged in the direction perpendicular to the scanning direction with respect to the scanning stage. Negishi discloses in Figures 1-4 and column 3, line 20 through column 7, line 35, electromagnetic actuators for moving the scanning stages of an exposure apparatus in x- and y-directions. Negishi discloses the stationary member having a coil of the electromagnetic actuator located on the stationary base relative to the moving stage and the movable magnetic portion located on the moving stage. Negjshi

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discloses a pair of subactuators that are parallelly arranged (Fig. 1, ref. 70a, 70b).

Negishi also discloses cooling unit that cools the stationary member of the electromagnetic actuator in direction perpendicular and parallel to the scanning direction (Fig. 4). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide as the fine adjustment stages, the stage with electromagnetic actuators and the cooling unit in view of Negishi to the invention of Nishi in order to more efficiently produce semiconductor elements or liquid crystal display element which is well known product of scanning exposure apparatus. Also, since Negishi teaches cooling of the stationary member of the actuator, it would be obvious to provide cooling to the actuators of the scanning stage as well as the fine adjustment stage.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 5. Claims 26-37, 54-94, and 97-104 are allowed based on the applicant's arguments.
- 6. Claims 43 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

None of the prior art of record teaches the cooling unit circulating the cooling fluid from a portion near an optical path of the light beam from the interferometer toward the first coil member.

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's recitation regarding the guideless second stage seems to be a new matter, and the recitation was not considered in the art rejection.

Applicant argues that Novak reference does not disclose cooling of the actuators for the fine adjustment stage. In response, the rejection is made based on Nishi in view of Negishi.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Kim whose telephone number is (703) 305-0105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays during the same hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ Adams, can be reached on (703) 308-2847. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

Patent Examiner October 16, 2002